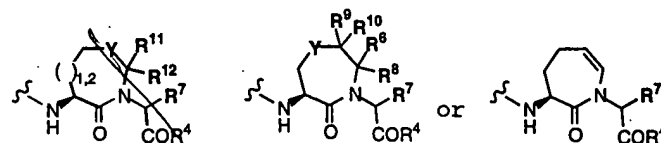


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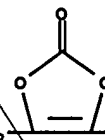
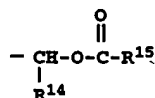
where Y is CH₂,

R⁷, R⁸ and R² are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl-(CH₂)_m-, aryl-(CH₂)_m- and heteroaryl-(CH₂)_m-,

where m is 0 or an integer from 1 to 6;

R⁶, R¹⁰, R¹¹, and R¹² are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl-(CH₂)_p-, aryl-(CH₂)_p- and heteroaryl-(CH₂)_p-; and

R⁴ is OH, alkyl, O-(CH₂)_p-heteroaryl,



-O-(CH₂)_p-aryl or -CH₂-R¹⁶ or NR₁(R₂) where R₁ and R₂ are independently H, alkyl, aryl, aryl-(CH₂)_p or heteroaryl;

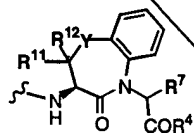
R¹⁴ is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl or phenyl;

R¹⁵ is hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy or phenyl; and

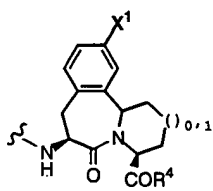
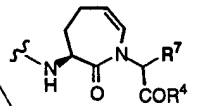
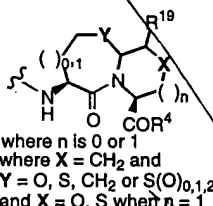
R¹⁶ is alkyl or aryl-(CH₂)_m-.

6. (Amended) The compound as defined in Claim 1

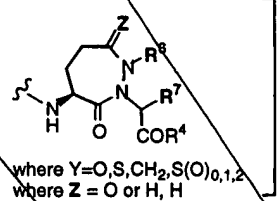
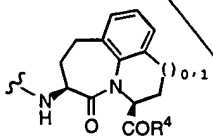
wherein A is



where Y = O, S, CH₂, S(O)_{0,1,2}



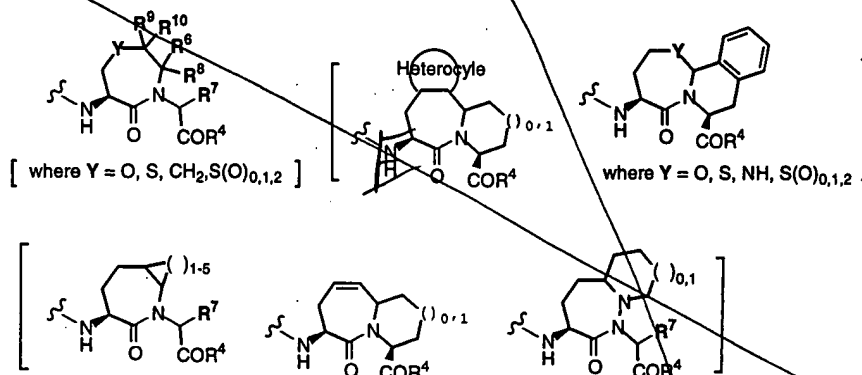
where X¹ = H, Ph,
NHSO₂R⁵
(where R⁵ ≠ H)



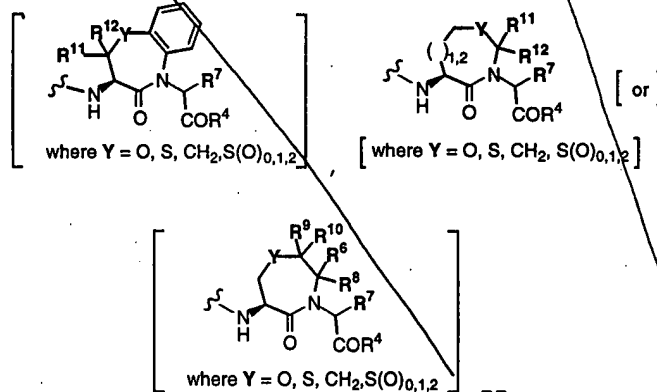
where Y = O, S, CH₂, S(O)_{0,1,2}
where Z = O or H, H

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--7. (Amended) The compound as defined in Claim [6] 1
wherein A is



--12. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a
[therapeutically effective amount of a] compound as defined in
Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.--

--13. (Amended) The pharmaceutical composition as
defined in Claim 12 useful in the treatment of [cardiovascular
diseases such as] hypertension and/or congestive heart failure.--

--14. (Amended) A method of treating [a cardiovascular
disease such as] hypertension and/or congestive heart failure,
which comprises administering to a mammalian species a
therapeutically effective amount of a composition as defined in
Claim 12.--

--15. (Amended) The compound as defined in Claim 1 which
is

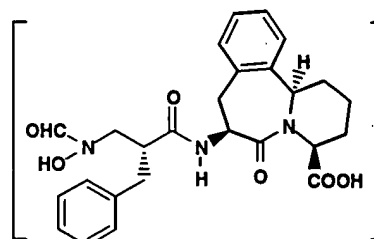
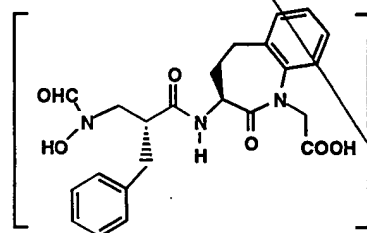
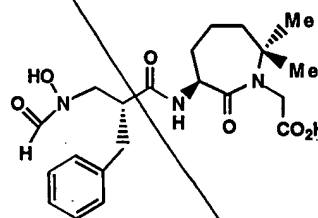
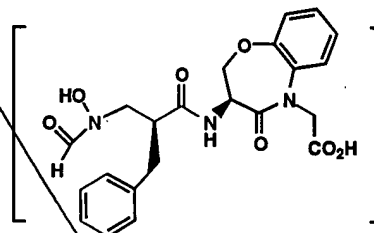
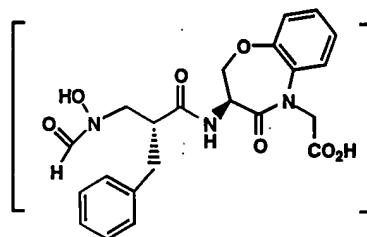
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